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## CALIFORNIA DOCTORS IN SERVICE.

On another page of this issue of the JOURNAL appear the names of those physicians of California who have been commissioned in the government medical services. The list is incomplete and may contain inaccuracies. Partly to remedy these two faults is it published. It is requested that each reader will particularly scrutinize it and report at once any omission or inaccuracy noted. The latest figures now available cover only through the early part of November. It is requested that all commissions accepted up to December 31 be reported at once if not already on this list.

The list is published, however, not solely for the sake of obtaining a corrected roll, but also for the more noble purpose of doing honor to those of our number who have been so fortunate as to receive commissions. Their honor is to some small extent reflected on us who stay behind for the time. We are proud of them and we are proud to belong to their profession. As they have gone and we stay behind, it behooves us to do our bit with a right good will that their sacrifice be not fruitless, that their exertions be not neutralized by lack of enthusiastic and effective support. From time to time various avenues of home service have received comment in the JOURNAL. Behind all avenues of service, it behooves us to have the spirit of sacrifice for which President Wilson pleads. It behooves us

to keep the home fires burning, not only for ourselves but for those who have gone.

It is hoped from time to time to publish supplemental service lists.

## AMERICAN MANUFACTURE OF SALVARSAN.

The Federal Trade Commission has entered orders for the license of three firms to manufacture and sell salvarsan under the American name of "arsphenamine." The control of standards and quality of product will devolve upon the Federal Public Health Service. The three firms to be licensed, are the Dermatological Research Laboratories of Philadelphia, the Takamine Laboratory of New York, and the Fabwerke Hoechst Company (Herman A. Metz Laboratory) of New York. The original patent was issued to Paul Ehrlich and Alfred Bertheim, both Germans. It is announced officially that some of the licensees in this country will supply the drug at the price of one dollar per dose to the Army and Navy, \$1.25 to hospitals, and \$1.50 to physicians.

An interesting comparison lies between the action of Ehrlich in patenting salvarsan, and the action of the discoverer of tethelin in also patenting his discovery but in vesting all rights to the patent in a university with the special object of making it universally available and at the same time of turning to beneficent and scientific purposes any financial gain to be derived from it. The Principles of Ethics of the American Medical Association succinctly state, "It is equally de-